

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 250, Utah State Capitol

February 27, 2014

**Members Present:** Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Chair  
Sen. Allen M. Christensen  
Sen. Luz Robles  
Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa  
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

**Staff Present:** Mr. Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary

**NOTE:** A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Vickers called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Thatcher and Sen. Robles absent for the vote.

**S.B. 238      Repeal of Substance Abuse Donation Fund (*Sen. L. Hillyard*)**

Sen. Hillyard explained the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Thatcher and Sen. Robles absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to recommend that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Thatcher and Sen. Robles absent for the vote.

**S.B. 75      Primary Care Grants Amendments (*Sen. A. Christensen*)**

Sen. Christensen explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Alan Pruhs, Executive Director, Association for Utah Community Health  
Jennifer Hyvonen, Fourth Street Clinic

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**H.B. 211S01   Substance Abuse Amendments (*Rep. M. Kennedy*)**

Rep. Kennedy explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: David Felt, Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Spoke for the bill: Santiago Cortez, Utah Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence Coordinating Council

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**S.B. 251 Amendments to Medicaid and Health Care (*Sen. B. Shiozawa*)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Shiozawa moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 3, Lines 61 through 62:*

61 legislative review process in Sections 63M-1-2505.5 and 26-18-3; ~~{and}~~  
62 ~~{(d)}~~ **(b)** notwithstanding Subsection 63J-5-103(2), the governor submits the request for

2. *Page 3, Lines 65 through 67:*

65 approval of certain federal funds request ~~{+}~~ **:and**  
66 ~~{(b)}~~ **(c)** the department establishes a premium partnership program, as provided in  
67 Subsection (3), that focuses on enrolling individuals in health benefit plans rather than

3. *Page 3, Line 76:*

76 **(iii) except as provided in Subsection (3)(f), not medically frail;**

4. *Page 4, Lines 92 through 93:*

92 optional expansion population, medically frail, and below 100% of the federal poverty level, which shall include the option for the individual to accept a premium subsidy under Subsection (3)(a) :  
93 (4) If the department obtains the waivers in accordance with Subsection (3), the department and the governor are considered to have met the requirements for Subsection(2)(d). If the department does not obtain waivers in accordance with Subsection (3), the department and the governor shall comply with Subsection (2)(d) before expanding Medicaid to the optional population.  
(5) The premium subsidy program and benefits provided to the optional expansion

The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Shiozawa explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Cathy Dupont, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Spoke for the bill: Michelle McOmber, Chief Executive Officer, Utah Medical Association  
Patrick Fleming, Director, Substance Abuse, Salt Lake County Behavioral Health Services  
Dr. Thomas Metcalf, Retired Pediatrician  
David Gessel, Utah Hospital Association

Spoke against the bill: Derek Monson, Director of Public Policy, Sutherland Institute

**MOTION:** Sen. Shiowaza moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Christensen voting in opposition and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

Chair Vickers adjourned the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

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Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Chair